

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of processing electronic documents comprising:
 - retrieving a first electronic document located in a reference directory specified by a first path;
 - 5 searching for a second electronic document purported to be specified by a second path; and
 - if the second electronic document is not located at the second path, continue searching in a directory higher than the reference directory.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising forming a path specifying the location of the second electronic file, the path including a drive designation and one or more directories.
- 15 3. A computer product residing on a computer readable medium for processing electronic documents, comprising instructions for causing the computer to:
 - retrieve a first electronic document located in a reference directory specified by a first path;
 - search for a second electronic document purported to be specified by a second path;
 - and
 - if the second electronic document is not located at the second path, continue to search in a directory higher than the reference directory.
- 20 4. The computer product of claim 3 further comprising instructions to form a path specifying the location of the second electronic file, the path including a drive designation and one or more directories.